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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL:

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for September 24 - October 5, 2001

THIS WEEK

- **Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001:** On September 24, the Attorney General testified at a hearing on the proposed Anti-Terrorism legislation before the House Judiciary Committee, which is expected to mark up the bill on the morning of September 25. The Attorney General also is scheduled to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on September 25, about the proposed Anti-Terrorism legislation.

LAST WEEK

- **Terrorist Attacks:** OLA has been providing interested congressional offices with daily packages of information about component activities in response to the terrorist attacks on September 11, including fact sheets from the FBI, DEA, OJP and Civil Rights Division. Additionally, we continue to reach out to congressional delegations most directly affected to provide information about victims' assistance programs.
- **Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001:** On September 19, the Department sent to the Hill a working draft of the Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001, a comprehensive legislative initiative to assist the anti-terrorism effort while preserving our constitutional values. The proposed legislation would provide the President and the Department of Justice with the tools and resources necessary to counter the infrastructure of terrorist organizations, to prevent or thwart terrorist attacks, and to punish perpetrators of terrorist acts. We are conferring with congressional staff about the provisions, subject to coordination by the White House.
- **Nominations:** The Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on the nomination of Jay Stephens, to be Associate Attorney General, and Ben Reyna to be Director of the United States Marshals Service on September 20.

The Senate confirmed the following nominations on September 21: Sharon Prost, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit; Reggie Walton, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Columbia; and Deborah Daniels, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs.

Four U.S. Attorney nominations were sent to the Senate on September 19 and two district court judicial nominations were sent to the Senate on September 21.